

No one ever accused a McFarland of cowardice—and got away with it. Yet you may search the records and fail to discover where Packey, since he became famous, has fought an opponent over whom he did not have considerable advantage.

Time was, and not so long ago, when the friends of the "Idol of the stockyards" claimed the lightweight champions would not give McFarland a chance. The "chance" they asked was to let McFarland fight a legitimate lightweight and outweigh him anywhere from five to ten pounds.

Some "chance" that!

It is a fact that McFarland could not make the lightweight limit—or even weigh 135 pounds ringside—unless one of his legs was sawed off at the knee—and of what use is a one-legged boxer?

McFarland has been a welter-weight for years, but he has gone along making matches with real lightweights—usually second raters, with an occasional first-flight boxer thrown in for an exceptionally rich purse, and letting the boys in his own class severely alone.

McFarland could do this for two reasons; the first was that promoters were willing because he is so marvelous a boxer. In action he is a phantom, slipping in and out, boxing with the precision of a machine, and the fans are always willing to pay to see him work; the second reason is the willingness of most boxers to take a chance. He has grown rich at the game.

The latest appearance of Packey McFarland (and the last in Wisconsin) was with Jack Britton in Milwaukee. Now the Wisconsin law stipulates that there shall not be a difference of 10 pounds between opponents.

When McFarland was asked to weigh in he refused. It looked as if the fight was off because of Packey's pique, but friends induced him to weigh in private for a member of the

boxing commission who announced the weight "satisfactory."

Packey was slow and far from dazzling. As a result he was "panned" and now he is just as mad as he can be and declares he will never fight near Chicago again.

DUNNE HAS THREE CANDIDATES

Gov. Dunne will place the support of his position behind three Cook county candidates next fall, according to rumors in political circles.

They are: For county judge, Municipal Court Judge John J. Sullivan; for county treasurer, John P. Gibbons, head of the state grain inspection department, and for Judge of the Probate Court, Dennis M. Normoyle, state board of administration.

Sullivan is a brother of Wm. L. Sullivan, the governor's secretary, and Joseph Sullivan, secretary to Sen. J. Ham Lewis.

It is not yet known how Roger Sullivan will take these three candidates.

THAT CHRISTMAS SMOKE



Mrs. Wise—Mary Ann, are you cooking cabbage?

Mary Ann—No, mum; it's your husband, mum, tryin' one av thim cigars you gave him for Christmas.